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Dear Mr. Snow:

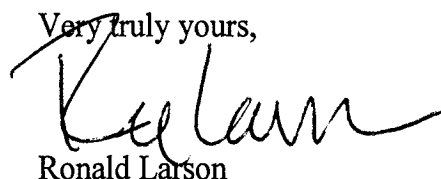
A fishing friend of mine made me aware this week of an EIR Report which considers an alternative for increasing the height of Shasta Dam and, therefore, of course, the reservoir area of the lake. From the numbers I have received, the proposed increases, even as little as 17 feet, would make staggering differences to the riverine ecology.

From the materials I have gathered it seems that the proposal has not sufficiently examined the irreversible environmental impact on the Pit, Sacramento and McCloud Rivers, and the streamside wetlands. At the time when the food-chain impact of small dirt logging roads is only being realized, it would be disastrous to force even larger numbers of human and animal warm-water species up into the pristine cold water rivers and tributaries. I intend to read more about the trade-offs that must be affected in the CALFED program, but it seems immediately apparent that pumping the Shasta Reservoir up and down will irrevocably trash breeding grounds and nursery for the very animal life we seek to sustain in the delta area.

I am told that raising Shasta Dam is the "low cost alternative." The concerns I am expressing here are difficult to express in economic terms—but in my view they are, in fact, immediate economic concerns, as well as life-style concerns in the best and most sensitive use of that rather overworked phrase. I hope that the Shasta Dam is not raised

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Very truly yours,



Ronald Larson

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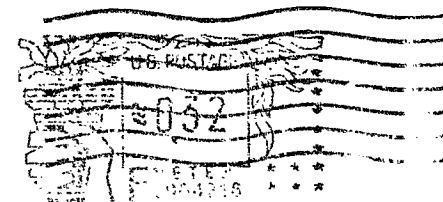
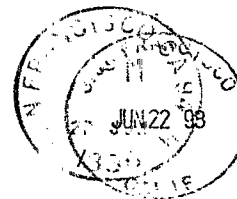
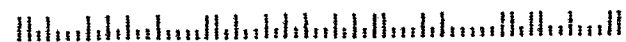
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